



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MPOs SAFETY WORKING GROUP

August 24, 2022

Webinar

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

MEETING NOTES

Participating

- AGFTC – Jack Mance
- BMTS - Cyndi Paddick
- CDTC – Carrie Ward
- DCTC – Emily Dozier
- ECTC – Courtney Taylor
- GBNRTC – Hector Boggio
- GTC - Alex Kone
- HOCTC - Alexander Turner
- OCTC - Lauren Bennett
- UCTC – Brian Slack
- UCTC – David Staas
- WJCTC – Barb Cardwell
- NYSDOT – Andrew Sattinger
- NYSDOT - Robert Zitowsky
- NYSDOT – Kelsey Pianka
- NYSDOH – Jennifer Hogan
- CLRP – David Orr
- FHWA - Daniel Wood
- FHWA – Teresa Haslauer
- GTSC – Maureen Kozakiewicz
- GTSC – Alyssa Reth
- GTSC - Jason Maher
- Planning4Places – Kathy Ember

1. Introductions & Updates

Alex Kone opened the meeting and asked that new reps from GTSC introduce themselves, including Maureen Kozakiewicz, Alyssa Reth, and Jason Maher.

2. Meeting Notes

The June 27th, 2022 meeting notes were shared. SWG members can send changes over the next few weeks.

3. Regional Safety Plans/'Comprehensive Safety Action Plans'

Alex asked who is applying for Safe Streets for all Program and if they had any updates. GTC is funding their own Safety Action Plan to be ready to apply for implementation funds in the future. Jack Mance responded that A/GFTC is applying through their regional planning

board to approve umbrella application, including support from NYSDOT Region 1. GBNRTC is also applying through SS4A. GTC and UCTC are utilizing UPWP funds due to the match. CDTC is also looking to apply for SS4A supplemental funds and several jurisdictions are applying for implementation funds. OCTC will be using UPWP funds for a county plan.

Andrew Sattinger asked what support everyone will need from NYSDOT. Alex responded that they will be using CLEAR and questions if there would be Annual Work Programs for all facility owners in our regions. Andrew suggested FHWA would provide additional feedback on if there would be a need for buy-in from all jurisdictions in the planning area for a regional plan and any liability concerns.

From David Orr in the chat: NY Division FHWA Safety Program Manager Haslauer, Teresa (FHWA) teresa.haslauer@dot.gov. Dan Wood introduced Teresa.

Lauren asked in the chat if anyone considered developing a Safety Plan as a task on a larger on-call RFP and if other MPOs used on-call consultants in the past for specific plans. Alex responded that GTC had not used on-call contracts for these types of plans, but there might be opportunities to use on-call consultants to collect some of the necessary criteria within the plan.

4. 2023 Highway Safety Improvement Targets

Robert shared the file sent with the meeting materials on NYS Safety Targets. He discussed how the targets are developed for 2023 using the 2020 baseline (5-year average of 2016-2020). The selected a conservative 1.0% reduction across all five targets and already included this in the state HSP and HSIP. The MPOs can accept or develop their own targets. Emily asked if the lag in the data or the five year average may not be reflecting the latest trends in large increases in fatalities. FHWA chooses the base year, State's select their targets, which can account for these known trends in the most recent annual data, 2021 in this case. Not meeting targets requires the development of HSIP Implementation Plans. MPO targets are due February 27, 2023.

Alex noted they typically adopt NYSDOT targets, but will discuss setting their own as part of creating safety plans. Andrew noted an MPO does not have to adopt the target if they want to set their own, but if they do not meet the target, that would be on the MPO to address. Additional targets can always be set. There is some concern on how adopting state targets might impact the requirement for Vision Zero plans and having a goal of zero fatalities. Alex mentioned it might be useful to have a presentation on how MPOs reconcile Vision Zero and federal targets together.

5. Partner Updates

- a. NYSDOT: Robert Shared the NYSDOT Crash Analysis Toolbox and links to request access, <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/highway/crash-analysis-toolbox> Robert noted to Save the Date about Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Andrew and Dan Wood are preparing to obligate HSIP funds as required after not meeting targets. They are between two emphasis area action plans relating to lane departures and intersections, in which a lot of local funds will be made available.
- b. ITSMR: No report.

ITSMR.org to register for Highway Safety Symposium. Oct 26-28 at Albany Desmond

- c. GTSC: No report.
- d. Cornell Local Roads Program: David Orr mentioned progress on the latest cycle and an upcoming planning session on federal aid.
- e. NHSTA: No report.
- f. FHWA: Daniel Wood introduced Teresa Haslauer who is taking over Safety for FHWA.
- g. NYSATSB: No report.

6. 2022 Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is on October 26, 2022.

Action Items

- Please provide any changes to last month's meeting notes.